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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
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6. (Canceled)
7. (Original) A cleaning utensil comprising:
 - a panel having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral edge extending between said top and bottom surfaces, said top surface having a generally rectangular shape such that said peripheral edge includes a front edge, a back edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, said panel comprising a rigid material, a plurality of bristles being attached to and extending away from said bottom surface of said panel;
 - a securing means being attached to said panel for removably securing said panel to the hand of a user, said securing means comprising a strap having a first end and a second end, said first end being attached to said first side edge and said second end being attached to said second side

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15 edge, said strap comprising a resiliently stretchable
16 cloth material; and
17 a gripping member being attached to said top surface, said
18 gripping member being positioned between said front
19 and back edges, said gripping member extending
20 upwardly from said top surface in an arcuate manner,
21 said gripping member being contoured to the general
22 shape of a hand, said gripping member comprising a
23 flexible container having a silicon gel therein.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A holder assembly for use with a
2 conventional brush having a rigid flat panel and a plurality of
3 bristles being attached to and extending away from a bottom surface
4 of the panel, the holder assembly comprising:
5 a gripping member being engagable to the flat panel of the
6 brush, the gripping member being adapted for being
7 placed in a palm of a user; and
8 a securing means operationally coupled to said gripping
9 member for selectively securing said gripping member to
10 a hand of the user;
11 wherein said securing means comprises a strap having a first
12 end and a second end, said first end being attached to a
13 first side edge of said gripping member and said second
14 end being attached to a second side edge of said gripping
15 member; and
16 wherein said strap comprises a resiliently stretchable material.

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1 9. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 8,
2 wherein said gripping member further comprises:
3 a flat bottom wall adapted for abutting a top surface of the
4 flat panel of the brush; and
5 a arcuate upper wall coupled to a perimeter edge of said flat
6 bottom wall, said arcuate upper wall extending away
7 from said flat bottom wall as it extends away from said
8 perimeter edge.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 9,
2 wherein said flat bottom wall comprising a resiliently flexible
3 material for frictionally engaging the top surface of the flat panel of
4 the brush whereby moving said gripping member along a horizontal
5 plane moves the brush.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 9,
2 wherein said flat bottom wall comprises silicone.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 9,
2 wherein said flat bottom wall and said arcuate upper wall define an
3 interior space, said arcuate upper wall being resiliently flexible.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 12,
2 wherein said interior space being filled with a gel material for
3 supporting the palm of the user while allowing said gripping
4 material to be temporarily deformed.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 8,
2 further comprising:
3 said gripping member having a flat bottom wall and an arcuate
4 upper wall, said flat bottom wall being adapted for
5 abutting a top surface of the flat panel of the brush, said

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6 arcuate upper wall being coupled to a perimeter edge of
7 said flat bottom wall, said arcuate upper wall extending
8 away from said flat bottom wall as it extends away from
9 said perimeter edge;
10 said flat bottom wall comprising a resiliently flexible material
11 for frictionally engaging the top surface of the flat panel
12 of the brush whereby moving said gripping member
13 along a horizontal plane moves the brush;
14 said flat bottom wall and said arcuate upper wall defining an
15 interior space, said arcuate upper wall being resiliently
16 flexible; and
17 said interior space being filled with a gel material for
18 supporting the palm of the user while allowing said
19 gripping material to be temporarily deformed.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

1 17. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 8,
2 wherein said securing means comprises a strap having a first end
3 and a second end, said first end being attached to a first side edge
4 of said gripping member and said second end being attached to a
5 second side edge of said gripping member.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The holder assembly of claim 8,
2 wherein said strap comprises a resiliently stretchable material.

1 19. (Previously Presented) A holder assembly for use with a
2 conventional brush having a rigid flat panel and a plurality of
3 bristles being attached to and extending away from a bottom surface
4 of the panel, the holder assembly comprising:

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5 a gripping member being engagable to the flat panel of the
6 brush, the gripping member being adapted for being
7 placed in a palm of a user said gripping member having a
8 flat bottom wall and an arcuate upper wall, said flat
9 bottom wall being adapted for abutting a top surface of
10 the flat panel of the brush, said arcuate upper wall being
11 coupled to a perimeter edge of said flat bottom wall,
12 said arcuate upper wall extending away from said flat
13 bottom wall as it extends away from said perimeter edge;
14 said flat bottom wall comprising a resiliently flexible material
15 for frictionally engaging the top surface of the flat panel
16 of the brush whereby moving said gripping member
17 along a horizontal plane moves the brush;
18 said flat bottom wall and said arcuate upper wall defining an
19 interior space, said arcuate upper wall being resiliently
20 flexible; and
21 said interior space being filled with a gel material for
22 supporting the palm of the user while allowing said
23 gripping material to be temporarily deformed;
24 a securing means operationally coupled to said gripping
25 member for selectively securing said gripping member to
26 a hand of the user;
27 said securing means comprises a strap having a first end and a
28 second end, said first end being attached to a first side
29 edge of said gripping member and said second end being
30 attached to a second side edge of said gripping member;
31 and
32 wherein said strap comprises a resiliently stretchable material.